



Morone saxatilis

Striped bass

General

1. Anadromous, piscivorous fish highly prized for sportfishing
2. Grows to a maximum of 2m, though more commonly to 1.2m



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Geography and Habitat

1. Native: Atlantic drainages from St. Lawrence River, New Brunswick to St. Johns River in Florida; Gulf Slope drainages from Lake Pontchartrain, Louisiana to Suwannee River drainage, Florida. Historically occurred in coastal areas of eastern Texas
2. Habitat:
 - Marine, freshwater, brackish environments
 - Depths of up to 30m
 - Temperature range of 8°C—25°C
 - Coastal waters and bays, though some populations are landlocked

Invasion Pathways

1. Intentionally stocked for sportfishing

Sources

1. <http://nas.er.usgs.gov/queries/FactSheet.aspx?SpeciesID=787>
2. <http://www.fishbase.org/summary/speciessummary.php?id=353>